New Hanover County School

School Mental Health Committee Meeting Record

March 12, 2012

**PRESENT**: Misty Britt, Lisa Burriss, Susan Cole, David Hand, Amy Horgan, Karen Laughlin, Jason Mizak, Mike Palanza, Donna Lynn Pleasants, Connie Parker, Suzanne Rilling, Bill Trant, Darlene Webb, Liz Uzcategui

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* The group discussed the new Access Academy day treatment program located at the JC Roe School. The upcoming open house was announced; Health Check and Health Choice will be the primary insurers and it could be used as a step down for higher levels of care. Please note: Since our meeting we have determined that Access Academy is registered as a private school and would be considered a school transfer for enrollment management purposes.
* The Managed Care Organization (MCO – replaces LME status) structure begins in January 2013. This structure should help school involvement in transitions and notification/involvement with other intensive services when public insurance is used.
* Connie announced that the Laney WHAT project is moving again. A grant involving facilities has been awarded and resources no longer a part of Lakeside will help move this along. WHAT wellness centers include mental health services.
* There was a brief discussion on the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health and Human Services memorandum of agreement on education services at Private Residential Treatment Centers. There are many questions and the usual amount of confusion.
* Lisa discussed McKinney-Vento eligibility (homelessness education assistance) issues and therapeutic foster care.
* There was a brief discussion occurred on the media attention to an Office for Civil Rights complaint against NHCS involving the use of seclusion.

**NEXT STEPS**

* Bill has set up a Wiki for the SMH Committee to use and share information. He will email an invitation to join the Wiki to the committee members.
* The Committee discussed the options presented for recording the Action Plan and adopted the format below.
* Each Gap Committee leader will put actions into the new format by the next meeting: June 18.
  + Prevention Gap #1- Lisa
  + Prevention Gap #2 – Susan and Mike
  + Treatment Gap #1 – Bill
  + Treatment Gap #2 – Suzanne and Amy
* Donna and Darlene shared student outcome measures information for school-based therapy programs. Darlene will modify the Learning Perspectives information to align with the Health Department information.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**June 18, 2012**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**Spencer 115B**

#### School Mental Health Committee Action Plan Implementation

**Improvement Goal:**

### Prepared by:

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|  | **Strategies/Activities** | **Responsible Persons** | **Time Line** | **Monitoring Methods** |
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